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SUBJECT: US DEMARCH ON YUGOSLAV ROLE AT SC MEETINGS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN OUR LONG MEETING APRIL 5 WITH YUGOSLAV
PERM REP MOJSOV, SCALI MADE FULL PRESENTATION OF TALKING
POINTS (REFTEL). MOJSOV REPLIED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL
CLAIMING WE HAD MISUNDERSTOOD HIS ROLE WHICH HE THOUGHT HAD
BEEN HELPFUL. IN CONCLUSION BOTH AMBASSADORS AFFIRMED INTENT
CONSULT CLOSELY IN FUTURE TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING.
END SUMMARY.

1. AMB. SCALI AND MISOFF MET WITH YUGOSLAV PER REP MOJSOV
APRIL 5 AT UN FOR ONE HOUR. SCALI INFORMED MOJSOV THAT HE
WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT PARALLEL DEMARCHES WERE
BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON AND BELGRADE CONCERNING YUGOSLAV
ACTIONS AT PANAMA SC MEETING. BEFORE MAKING FULL PRESENTATION
TO TALKING POINTS, SCALI RECALLED TO MOJSOV THAT IN THEIR
MEETINGS IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO PANAMA SC SESSIONS, MOJSOV HAD
EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND TO PLAY A MEDIATORY
ROLE IN PANAMA. WE HAD ACCEPTED AND WERE PLEASED WITH THESE
PROFESSIONS, BUT AS MEETINGS IN PANAMA PROGRESSED WE FOUND,
PARTICULARLY AT KEY MOMENTS DURING LAST 36 HOURS, YUGOSLAV
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DELEGATION UNHELPFUL. THIS HAD PUZZLED US IN VIEW EARLIER
ASSURANCES.

2. FOLLOWING FULL AND DETAILEDSSMAN HAYS BECAUSE OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH
OPPOSITION TO THIS GOVERNMENT ABROAD, AS A CONGRESSIONAL
LEADER OF SUCH OPPOSITION, AND AUTHOR OF " HAYS
AMENDMENT" WHICH AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS PROVOKED STRONG
NATIONALISTIC REACTION IN GOG LEADERSHIP. EVEN A
REQUEST FOR A COURTESY CALL, SO DESIGNATED IN ADVANCE,
WOULD, I FEAR, DRAW THE SAME SUSPICIOUS REACTION.

4. NONETHELESS, IF CONGRESSMAN HAYS DOES DECIDE TO
COME I SHALL TRY IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO MAKE HIS
VISIT A SUCCESS, DIM AS THE PROSPECTS OF REGIME CONTACTS
MAY BE.

5. MAY I SUGGEST THAT IF POSSIBLE CONGRESSMAN HAYS
POSTPONE HIS VISIT UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER THE GREEK EASTER
WEEKEND (APRIL 30) SINCE ALL GREEKS WILL BE INVOLVED
IN CELEBRATING THE MOST SOLEMN HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR
IN GREECE. IN FACT GREECE WILL BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN
EASTER FESTIVITIES FROM THE PERIOD APRIL 22 THROUGH THE
30 TH, AND MAY 1 IS ALSO A GREEK HOLIDAY.
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7. SCALI REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED TO HAVE
DISCUSSION. OUR OWN RELIABLE INFORMATION WAS CONTRADICTORY TO
SOME POINTS MADE BY MOJSOV AND VIEWPOINTS, OF COURSE, DIFFER
ON OTHER ASPECTS. MOJSOV MAY HAVE VIEWED MARCH 21 SPEECH AS
MODERATED BUT HE DOUBTED ANY OBSERVER WOULD VIEW IT AS SUCH.
HE LATER SUGGESTED THAT MOJSOV READ IT AGAIN AND SEE WHETHER
HE STILL VIEWED IT IN THE SAME WAY. FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE WAS
ANY REFERENCE TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATION? ON ANOTHER POINT,

MOJSOV SURELY MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT PANAMA WAS NEVER REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT PUSHING INITIAL RESES TO VOTE AND WAS PREPARED TO MOVE TOWARD MORE ACCEPTABLE POSITION. IN OUR BACKSTAGE TALKS WITH TACK, TOWARD END OF SESSION, TWO SIDES WERE ONLY FIVE WORDS AWAY FROM AGREEMENT ON RES. FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH DEPT, HE HAD GONE BACK TO TACK WITH A POSITION WHICH WAS VERY FORTHCOMING AND WOULD HAVE APPROPRIATELY MET PANAMA' S NEED NEEDS. TACK HOWEVER ACTED AS IF EARLIER MEETING AND NEAR AGREEMENT HAD NEVER OCCURRED.

8. MOJSOV SAID THAT HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD OF THIS FINAL US APPROACH. TACK HAD AVOIDED MEETING WITH RES COSPONSORS AFTER ABOVE SESSIONS WITH SCALI AND HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO TACK ONLY JUST BEFORE EVENING MEETING WHEN HE HAD URGED TACK NOT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH INTENT TO OPEN MEETING IN ABSENCE OF SCALI. SCALI SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF MOJSOV' S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH TORRIJOS, PERHAPS YUGOSLAVIA
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COULD CONTINUE USE ITS INFLUENCE SO THAT PANAMA WOULD NOT BE PUT ON SC/ GA AGENDAS. MOJSOV REPLIED HE HAD ALREADY GIVEN THIS ADVICE AND MATTER WAS NOT IN HANDS OF PANAMA. IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IN DUE COURSE PANAMA WILL APPROACH US TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS A BASIS FOR REOPENING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. SCALI REAFFIRMED US WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE BUT WAS CONCERNED, AS WE HAD WARNED, THAT SC MEETING HAD HURT ATMOSPHERE FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

9. IN CONCLUSION BOTH SCALI AND MOJSOV AGAIN REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE FOR CLOSE COOPERATION AND FULL AND CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER' S POSITIONS IN FUTURE. MOJSOV ADDED THAT BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS WAS THROUGH DISCUSSIONS OF TWO DELEGATIONS HERE IN NEW YORK. DEMARCHES IN BELGRADE AND WASHINGTON WOULD NOT HELP AND COULD LEAD TO WORSE MISUNDERSTANDING. SCALI ASSURED MOJSOV THAT HE WOULD NEVER BE LEFT IN DOUBT ABOUT US POSITIONS ON MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO US.

10. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MOJSOV' S SMOOTH AND CAREFULLY PREPARED RESPONSE IS CONTRADICTORY IN MANY RESPECTS TO OUR INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS WE CAN NOW PUT YUGOSLAV BEHAVIOUR AT PANAMA SC MEETINGS TO REST. MOJSOV HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR. LET US SEE WHAT HE DOES IN FUTURE.
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